

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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The subheading at line 7 has been amended as follows:

~~(1)~~—Field of the Invention

The subheading at line 10 has been amended as follows:

~~(2)~~—Description of the Related Art

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The heading at line 13 has been amended as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE ~~PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS~~ INVENTION

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The paragraph at lines 11-23 has been amended as follows:

Moreover, the front intake opening 3 is disposed ~~to be~~ such that it is separated from the cylinder wall surface of the cylinder 1 in the row direction of the cylinders 1, and the front intake port 6 is formed straight to extend in a direction generally perpendicular to the row direction of the cylinders 1. Therefore, intake air passing through the front intake port 6 flows into the combustion chamber along a direction generally perpendicular to the row direction of the cylinders 1, toward a region that is offset from the cylinder wall surface of the corresponding cylinder 1 toward the center axis S thereof. Therefore, the flow velocity of the intake

air does not drop in the vicinity of the cylinder wall surface, whereby high volumetric efficiency is attained.